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SUBJECT: PRESS VISIT TO USSAG HEADQUARTERS

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AS YOU ARE AWARE, ISSUE OF MEDIA ACCESS TO US-TENANTED BASES IN THAILAND IS COMPLICATED BY THE LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OF SECTION 29 OF THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1973. WE HAVE BEEN ENDEAVORING FOR A WEEK TO COORDINATE A RESPONSE TO YOUR REQUEST FOR GUIDANCE REGARDING MEDIA VISITS TO US MILITARY UNITS OPERATING IN THAILAND (REF B) AND INDEED EXPECT TO HAVE THIS TO YOU WITHIN A FEW DAYS. OBVIOUSLY, YOUR RESPONSE TO FOISIE'S LETTER MUST BE CONSISTENT WITH THAT GUIDANCE. HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF THE COMPLEXITY OF THE ISSUE AND THE LARGE NUMBER OF OFFICES HERE WHICH HAVE A LEGITIMATE INTEREST IN THE CONTENTS OF YOUR RESPONSE TO FOISIE, IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR US TO GIVE YOU AN ANSWER TO REF A BEFORE COB MARCH 4 WASHINGTON TIME. YOU SHOULD NOT SEND YOUR LETTER TO FOISIE UNTIL YOU HAVE RECEIVED OUR COMMENTS ON YOUR PROPOSED RESPONSE. CASEY

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